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from Danappadi to Kayenkulam and the branch road east of the same. The Member then referred to the damage caused to the crops in the fields lying on both sides of the road, three quarter of a mile in length, south of the Haripad temple, on account of the dug-up pits bordering the road and said that those portions should be raised to the level of the field. He also said that the various village roads, channels, lanes &c., which were under the control of the Revenue authorities, if repaired, would be of great use, especially to the agricultural population of the taluk.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

Improvement of the means of communication in the Thiruvella taluk.

Mr. V. Subramanian Muthathu (Member, T. I. C. Thiruvella) stated that the want of means of communication, especially by water, was greatly felt by the town folk of Thiruvella. There were the Manipuzha river forming the south western boundary of the town and some other smaller streams, but all these dried up in the hot season, and, during the rainy season, proved very troublesome. Want of pure water was greatly felt in the town of Thiruvella. As a remedial measure, the Member suggested that, if a canal be opened from the Kidayil bend of the Pampa river to join the Manipuzha river, half a mile in length, it would not only afford easy means of communication from Alleppey and other commercial centres, but would also be helpful to the trading classes. The Podiyadi river bed could be sold in auction. The necessity for putting up a bridge at Podiyadi on the Pulikil Mavelikarai road would be no longer felt and its cost could be saved. The cost of constructing the proposed canal, the Member said, could be met from the sale proceeds of the river bed and the cost proposed to be incurred on the bridge, and the balance might be used for converting the pathways in the town into cartable roads.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

Do. Do. Neyyattinkara taluk.

Mr. M. Kesava Pillai (Member, Neyyattinkara taluk) represented that, unlike the northern parts where waterways also afforded means of communication, roads were the only means of communication in the Neyyattinkara taluk and that, for want of sufficient roads, people were put to great trouble in carrying their produce to the neighbouring markets, such as Kaliayakkavila, &c. They had to carry their produce on their heads through circuitous paths. He suggested the opening of the following roads:—(a) Road from the Kunnattukal Proverthy Cutcherry to the Perunkaduvila Proverthy Cutcherry, a distance of 4 miles. At present the people had to take a circuitous way through Amaravila, a distance of 12 miles. (b) The extension to Kollenkode near Sankurutty, for 5½ miles, of the existing branch road from

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the Kulathoor road. (c) Road from the Neyyattinkara bridge to the Chengal road, a distance of 1½ miles, connecting the main road with it. The Government ordered an enquiry for the acquisition of land for the road in 1070, but nothing further had been done. (d) The extension and improvement of the existing pathway from Chengal to Kanjirathu Moodu Kadavu and the establishment of a ferry service at the Kanjirathu Moodu Kadavu. At present the people from Poovar and the neighbourhood had to take a circuitous road to go to the Kaliayakkavila market and other places.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

Improvement of the means of communication for agricultural purposes in Nanjinad.

Mr. M. Sivathanu Pillai. (Member, Agastiswaram taluk) urged the necessity for opening a road from Parakkai to Thamarakulam, the want of which was being complained of by the people for the last 20 years. Though the land had been acquired and the estimates were prepared, the construction had not yet been started. The result was that the land acquired had been encroached upon by the neighbours. He pointed out that the road was a real want and that the work could be done with Rs. 3,000.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

Construction of a road or canal at Mararikulam to connect the (sanctioned) Shertallai Alleppey canal with the sea and the backwater.

Mr. Kunju Mikhel Veenamsi (Member, Shertallai taluk) stated that the sea coast on the western side and the lands bordering the backwater on the eastern side were the only inhabited places in the taluk, the interior being a sandy waste. He pointed out that the proposed Alleppey Shertallai canal was to run through this sandy waste and that it would be a great boon to the inhabitants, especially to those on the sea coast, if this canal was connected by branches with the sea and the backwater.

The Member suggested the opening of the following cross canals:—(1) From Aryadu to Katoor chowkey. (2) From Mukama to the sea coast passing near the Mararikulam temple. (3) From Shertallai to the sea coast via Arthenkal.

He referred to the advantages that would accrue if these cross canals be opened. Land in the interior hitherto lying fallow and useless could be thrown open for cocoanut planting by clearing it of punna trees and removing the sand. The trees could be sold by the Government and the sand could be utilized for putting up fresh chiras on the borders of the Vembanad lake. Moreover the misery which the inhabitants suffered on account of diseases such as ague, elephantiasis and leprosy, contracted by walking through the sandy tracts, could greatly be minimised.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

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